

ANNEXATION MOVEMENT GETS SERIOUS SETBACK

Common Council Refuses to Adopt

Either of Two Plans for Extending Limits.

MATTER DISCUSSED AT LENGTH

Majority of Members Unable to Agree Upon Question of What Territory Should Be Taken In; Others Opposed to Whole Proposition—Regulation of Street Supervision.

A serious setback was given the annexation movement last night when the common council, after discussing and hearing the question discussed for three hours, refused to adopt either of two extension ordinances that were under consideration. The matter was dropped with the members further from an agreement than they have been at any time since the annexation agitation started some months ago.

The council met in adjourned session to dispose of any business left on the calendar at the conclusion of the regular meeting Tuesday night, and especially to consider the report of the joint annexation committee. The only action taken during the evening was the adoption of an ordinance, reported by the highways and sewers committee, prescribing the duties of the city engineer and superintendent of sewers. This measure, which puts all work on the street and bridges of the city under the supervision of the city engineer, subject to the highways and sewers committee, and requires the superintendent of streets to report to the engineer, was adopted after a heated discussion.

President D. S. Jones was not present, and Vice-President Ketchum was in the chair. Those attending were Messrs. Bolling, Cheddie, Christie, Cox, Davis, Ford, Harris, Jones, W. E. Ketchum, Sprull, W. A. Sprull, W. E. Via and Wallace.

Annexation Ordinances.

The committee's report, containing an ordinance providing for steps toward extending the limits of the city, was the first business taken up. The extension contemplated in this measure, described in full in these columns recently, would take in all of the land situated in a southerly direction from the city, the line beginning at the present limits near Chesapeake & Ohio pier No. 7 and following the waterfront around, by Point Breeze, to a point on the Boulevard some distance east of Salter's creek, and going thence in a northerly direction to take in what is known as the Salter's creek district, Greenlawn cemetery and other property and a part of the C. & O. Hampton branch line.

Mr. Ford offered as a substitute for this an ordinance in which the new line was made to run so as to take in the Chesapeake & Ohio property below the city, Bloodfield and the full length of Ivy avenue, part of the Boulevard and Salter's creek sections of the cemetery. This ordinance differed from the original particularly in that most of the Old Dominion Land Company's unimproved property below the city, and the Hampton branch of the C. & O. railway were left outside.

As a substitute for Mr. Ford's ordinance, Mr. Harris offered a measure almost identical with that reported by the committee. In addition to the property proposed to be annexed by the committee, Mr. Harris' measure contemplated extending the northwesterly limits of the city as far as Fifty-ninth street.

Much Discussion.

Then followed a long drawn-out discussion. Mr. Ford spoke in support of his ordinance, declaring that he had purposely eliminated the unimproved property of the Old Dominion Land Company because there was going to be strong opposition to the extension movement from Elizabeth City and Warwick counties, and that he did not believe the thing could be carried through if the Old Dominion Land Company and others in this city offered opposition. He went on to say that, as the Chesapeake & Ohio was making no objection to the taking in of all of its improved property on the south, he thought there was no reason for the city's attempting to take in the single track of the Hampton branch against the company's will. Furthermore, Mr. Ford said, he was not at all sure that the present was the time for doing any extending at all.

Mr. Harris strongly urged the adoption of his ordinance, saying that there was no reason in the world why the sections eliminated by Mr. Ford should be left out of the city except the opposition of the Old Dominion Land Company, which company did not desire to pay increased taxes. Mr. Jones said that Mr. Ford's ordinance suited him except in regard to the Boulevard section; he did not believe the line should go beyond Salter's creek. Messrs. Davis and Bolling emphatically declared themselves against any annexation

whatever, saying that there is enough unimproved property in the city to occupy the attention of the council and upon which to spend the money of the people. Mr. Wallace spoke for Mr. Harris' ordinance, giving various reasons for his position, among others the necessity of having Newport News creek in the city for small boat harbor purposes. He said the Hampton dealers are able to sell wood at \$1.25 a load, or from 25 to 50 cents a load cheaper than local dealers, because small vessels loaded with lumber enter Hampton creek.

Boulevardites Heard.

Mr. Cox moved that the Boulevard residents desiring to come into the city be given a hearing. This motion was carried, and Messrs. J. H. Graves, Howard Roane and Williams, spokesmen for quite a party of well-known citizens who live outside of the limits, addressed the council. They repeated the arguments presented to the committee recently, and added that they did not expect the city to spend a great deal of money for fire and police protection for their neighborhood at this time. They dwelt particularly upon the contention that if Bloodfield and its vicinity are taken into the city, the disreputable characters of Bloodfield will be driven out to locate in the neighborhood of the Boulevard residential section. The council was also told that the Elizabeth City county authorities had informed the residents of this section that they eventually would be taken into Newport News, and the county, therefore, could not afford to spend any money for improvements in that quarter.

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Livezey.

Mr. Cox moved that Mr. W. E. Barrett be given the floor. Mr. Barrett said that he had not asked to be heard, but that he would be glad to give the council his opinion. He earnestly advocated extension along the line contemplated by Mr. Harris' substitute.

Mr. W. B. Livezey, local auditor of the Old Dominion Land Company, asked for a hearing and was granted the floor. Mr. Livezey said that no one would deny that in time the limits of Newport News on the south would be Hampton Roads, but that he did not think the present was a proper time to go into a movement for the extension of the limits.

C. & O. Not Favorable.

Continuing, Mr. Livezey said that he felt that he could say with authority that the new interests controlling the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad would very much prefer that no annexation movement be pushed at present.

When the question was called for, Mr. Harris' substitute was lost—Ayes, Cheddie, Cox, Harris, Sprull, W. A. Sprull, W. E. Wallace, J. navy Bolling, Christie, Davis, Ford, Jones, W. E. Ketchum, Via, 7.

Mr. Ford's motion was lost by a vote of 10 to 3, Messrs. Ford, Harris and Ketchum being the only members to vote aye.

Mr. Harris attempted to get the matter before the house upon another amendment or substitute, but was ruled out of order.

Supervision of Streets.

A lively discussion followed the reading of the highway and sewers committee's ordinance prescribing the duties of the city engineer and superintendent of streets. There were one or two words between members; in fact nearly everybody seemed inclined to be belligerent throughout the evening.

The committee's ordinance, which was the result of friction some time ago between Engineer Pearce and Superintendent Harwood, set forth that the engineer shall have charge of all work on streets and bridges, and that the superintendent shall report to him.

Mr. Via, chairman of the highways and sewers committee, offered a substitute, which made the superintendent of streets head of the street department and required him to report to the committee.

Messrs. Jones and Cheddie advocated the committee's report, while Messrs. Via and Harris supported Mr. Via's substitute. Mr. Harwood made a brief statement in answer to Mr. Jones' charge that he had been "carrying around" Mr. Via's ordinance.

Mr. Via's substitute was lost, only Messrs. Via, Davis and Harris voting aye. The original ordinance was carried with only Messrs. Harris and Davis voting against it.

More Paving.

Mr. Harris presented a petition from Chestnut avenue residents, asking that the paving be extended on that avenue, and guaranteeing to contribute \$700 toward defraying the expense of the improvement. Mr. Harris moved that the rules be suspended to act upon this matter. Mr. Ford strongly opposed acting upon the question at once, saying that it was a serious thing and should be considered. He further said that the council had no right to extend a contract for paving without advertising according to law.

When this discussion was going on, somebody moved to adjourn to meet next Wednesday night.

The motion was put, the chair ruled that it was carried and the meeting broke up while Mr. Harris was trying to call for a division. Later Mr. Harris took his petition and the other papers referring to it from the clerk, saying that he did not care to have them considered further. It is now an open question whether or not a

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WON ONE AND LOST ONE

High School Baseball Players Broke

Even at Williamsburg.

BOTH GAMES WERE WELL PLAYED

Newport News Boys Had Morning Contest Well in Hand When Morgan Had a Bad Spell and Forced Four Across Home Plate.

The baseball line of the Newport News High school journeyed to Williamsburg yesterday morning and played two fast games with the High school team of that city, losing the first in the morning by the score of 7 to 8, and winning the second one in the afternoon by the score of 5 to 4.

The first game was a pretty exhibition, the Newport News team leading their opponents up to the ninth inning, when Morgan, who was on the firing line for the visitors, forced in four runs which tied the score and added another inning to the game during which the Williamsburg boys won out.

The Second Game.

The second game, in the afternoon, was the fastest one of the double header, the work of both pitchers being effective and the contest in doubt throughout the nine innings, the effective stick work of Hill and Corbell finally landing the game for the Newport News aggregation in the ninth inning.

The features of both games were the all round work of Peachy, D. Spencer and Hall for the Williamsburg nine and the stick work of Hudson, Stuart and Corbell, together with the fine fielding work of the two latter players for the Newport News team.

The teams lined up for the first game as follows:

Newport News—Hill, r.f.; Hudson, c.; Cooke, 3b.; Barcher, 1b.; Overton, c. f.; Fitzgerald, 2b.; Stuart, s. s.; Corbell, r. f.; Morgan, p.

Williamsburg—Scott, 1b.; Brooks, c. f.; Peachy, 2b.; D. Spencer, p.; Johnson, r. f.; Jones, l. f.; Hall, 3b.; Marabel and Powell, c.; G. Spencer, s. s.

The line up in the second game was unchanged for Williamsburg and the only change in the Newport News nine was the substitution of Garner for Morgan in the box.

A third and deciding game will be played between the two high school teams on the Casino diamond in this city on Monday afternoon and as each nine won a game yesterday this third game is expected to bring out a large number of rooters for both sides.

AT THE ACADEMY

With next Tuesday night at the Academy of Music Fred Niblo, the American humorist-traveler will conclude his interesting series of zigzag journeys around the world, which he styles "Talks of Travel in Distant Lands." The subject of the final entertainment will be "London, from Windsor Castle to White Chapel."

Those who have heard this "talk" give it a high place in the ranks of similar entertainments, and say it is a wonderful tour of a wonderful city. It is not the London of yesterday but the London of today, and every inch of its enormous area teeming with fascinating historical interest. It is a journey in a motor car, without any definite destination, through the metropolis with a motion-picture camera.

One of the charms about the Niblo travel talks, is the fact that Mr. Niblo never lectures or digs into ancient history, he just takes his audience into his confidence, and allows them to peep through the lens of his camera and describes in an entertaining and breezy way the sights they see there. Tuesday night's "Talk" will be for the benefit of the public library fund. The seat sale is now open.

Vaudeville and Pictures

Large crowds are being attracted to the Bell theater by the bill for the latter half of this week, and the audience seem to be well pleased with the vaudeville features as well as with the picture program, which includes several of Solig's latest.

The Farley's, a juvenile singing and dancing pair, head the vaudeville bill with a comedy sketch. Fred G. Cole, a clever dancer, adds to his act by introducing two high-jumping, bag-jumping bull terriers.

"Brother Against Brother," Solig's feature war time moving picture drama, was shown at the Bell theater yesterday and it seemed to please immensely. The management was unable to secure the film for today, and has arranged to bring it back again for next Monday and Tuesday.

Cash Prices for Today: Round Steak, 12c lb.; Sirloin, 14c lb.; Porter House, 16c lb.; Roast from 8 to 12c lb.; Spring Lamb, home raised, \$1.00 for front and \$1.50 for hind quarters. C. T. CRANDOL, 120 27th St.

Plays & Players

ELPHYE SNOWDEN



One of the pretty girls appearing in the charming musical comedy, "Little Nemo," constructed on the famous cartoons and now showing at Chicago's beautiful theater, the Colonial.

"DO'S, DON'TS AND NEVER'S."

Observations by Effie Shannon for Benefit of Women.

Miss Effie Shannon, who plays Marjorie in "The Thief," has been compelled, through the exigencies of the role, to study many phases of a woman's attitude in regard to man. The entire argument of "The Thief" is to show to what extremes a woman will go to hold the interest of the man she loves. In this particular case the woman becomes a thief and Miss Shannon after many months of keen observation has determined that this radical measure is not necessary, and she has arranged a formula whereby legal crimes may be substituted by common sense.

This is Miss Shannon's collection of "Do's, Don'ts and Never's."

"Never let your husband believe that your interest in other men has subsided completely.

"Never overlook the coquetry of clothes. Your husband may not know the difference between broadcloth and calico, but he feels it.

"Do not forget that tears, scoldings and threats are valuable aids, but they should not be used continuously lest they lose their force.

"Do not forget that the best of love is three-fourths physical and one-fourth spiritual. Idealists may say otherwise, but idealistic husbands rarely exist.

"Do not forget that the last refuge for a wife is the ability to inspire fear. This may cause unhappiness, but fear will hold a man when other means fail.

"Never neglect the material advantages of silence. A silent wife during a conjugal quarrel will surprise the most sophisticated of men.

"Never admit to your husband that your best friend dresses more smartly than you, nor inform him that she doesn't. A wife will always suffer by these indiscreet comparisons. When in doubt dodge the issue."

BEHIND THE FOOTLIGHTS.

Sidney Booth has been re-engaged for Lillian Russell's company.

Hattie Russell of the "Paid in Full" company is a sister of Ada Rehan.

Eleanor Morretti has been engaged to play the role of Iras in "Ben Hur."

A new musical comedy bears the rather glaring title of "The Girl in Red."

Andrew Mack's vaudeville season is for ten weeks at \$2,000 a week. It is said.

Burr McIntosh is to go on a lecture tour under the management of W. A. Brady and Joseph Grismer.

"Little Nemo," with the American cast, may be sent to London for presentation in the English metropolis.

ARLISS AIDED BY A DREAM.

Actor Says He Owns Night Visitor Debt of Gratitude.

George Arliss and Hamilton Revelle of his company were discussing dreams one night in the former's dressing room.

"It there were only some way we could remember dreams," said Mr. Revelle. "The most brilliant ideas seem to come to us in sleep. We awake to remember that they were brilliant, while the ideas are gone forever."

"I imagine," said Mr. Arliss, "that if we could reproduce all our sleep thoughts they would be exceedingly disappointing and not nearly as valuable as we thought them at the time."

"I must say, however, that I owe much in life to a dream that I did remember. I had succeeded John Hare as the duke of St. Oliphers in "The Notorious Mrs. Elphinstone" with Mrs. Patrick Campbell. I felt that there was a part that should bring out the best in me, and give me my opportunity. Somehow, try as hard as I could, I knew I was not doing myself justice or getting results. Something was wrong, but I had no idea what.

"One night I dreamed that a chap came to me gripping a big stick. 'The trouble with you is that you are playing a part like this,' he said, shaking the stick with his fist. 'What you should do is to hold it like this.' With that he let the cane swing gingerly between two fingers.

"That stick was perfect. I saw wherein I had failed and took the lesson to heart. To this day when I feel that I am getting my teeth in a role, I remember the stick in the dream and relax. I owe my unknown dream visitor the greatest debt of gratitude."

It should be added that "The duke of St. Oliphers" was the role that first gave Mr. Arliss his standing in London as the greatest character actor of the young generation.

Story by Anna Held.

Anna Held speaks English excellently, with but the merest trace of the French accent. A dramatic editor complimented her on this and she replied:

"Oh, yes; I would rather not speak at all than not speak correctly. They are so indignant, don't you think, the incorrect speakers? I remember in Nice an Englishman and a Frenchman were about to separate on the Promenade des Anglais. The Englishman, as he started toward the Cercle Mediterranee, called back: 'An reservoir.' The Frenchman waved his hand and answered: 'Thanks.'"

Marvin's Advice.

Charles B. Marvin, proprietor of the College, Marlboro and People's theaters at Chicago, tells of his first theatrical venture. He had just sent his new show out in the wild west, when he received the following telegram from his manager with the show: "Train wrecked this morning and all scenery and baggage destroyed. No member injured. What shall I do?"

Mr. Marvin immediately wired back: "Try another wreck and have company ride in baggage car."

DECISION RESERVED IN CASE OF MRS. TENNANT

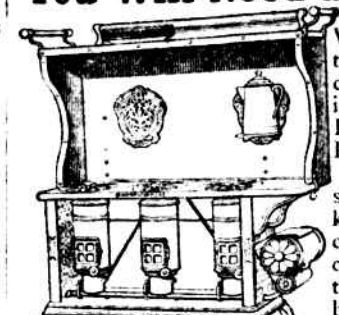
Justice Brown Hears Evidence and Says He Will Give Decision Today.

Justice Brown yesterday heard evidence in the case of Mrs. M. V. Tennant, charged with assaulting J. W. Cooke, and reserved his opinion until today. Mr. Cooke testified that Mrs. Tennant's assault upon him with a whip Thursday was a result of Mrs. Tennant's anger against him because

he secured for himself and another dealer, certain photographic work from the German cruiser Bremen. It seems Mrs. Tennant did this work when the Bremen was here last year. Mr. Cooke was in her employ, and she expected to get it this time.

Mrs. Tennant testified that she had allowed Mr. Cook to attend to the negotiations for the work, because he spoke German, and that he had prevented her from getting it after he left her employ. She made no denial of the horsewhipping attack. Justice Brown said he would give his decision in court this morning.

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